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Attorney Docket No.

VD1-3057-U

First Inventor

VOELKER, Dean E.

Title

SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, et al

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **35**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **9**]

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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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Examiner _____

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		Filing Date	October 16, 2003		
		First Named Inventor	VOELKER, Dean E.		
		Examiner Name	Not assigned		
		Group / Art Unit	Not assigned		
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		\$1,158. ⁰⁰			
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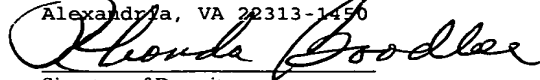
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **VOELKER, Dean E.**

For: (Title): **SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, AND METHOD
OF USING A SLIP COUPLING IN
PIPELINES FOR COLLECTION OF
LANDFILL GAS**

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

- ☒ Original (nonprovisional)
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation
- ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121).

- ☐ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

18 Pages of specification

16 Pages of claims

9 Sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-18)

- ☐ The enclosed drawings are photographs(s).
☐ The enclosed drawings are in color. Three (3) sets of color drawings and a "PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS" are attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 (a)(2) AND § 1.84 (b).
☐ formal
☒ informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

 Pages of declaration and power of attorney

1 Pages of abstract

 Request for Non-publication of application

x Other (Return Receipt Postcard)

4. Additional papers enclosed

- ☐ Amendment to claims
☐ Cancel in this application claims before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes*).
☐ Add the claims shown on the attached amendment (*Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims*).
☐ Preliminary Amendment
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
☐ Form PTO-SB08
☐ Citations

5. Declaration or Oath (including Power of Attorney)

☐ Enclosed

- ☐ Executed by the inventors
☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
☐ This is the petition required by 37 CFR §1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR §1.47 is also attached.

☒ Not enclosed

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

- ☒ The same
☐ Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,
☐ is submitted.
☐ will be submitted.

7. Language

- ☒ English

8. Assignment

- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____
☐ is attached.
A separate ☐ COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION or ☐ Form PTO 1595 is also attached.
☐ will follow.

- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional application and the assignment document for the parent application _____/_____ was filed _____ as Reel _____, Frame _____.

9. Certified Copy

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from which priority is claimed

- ☐ is (are) attached ☐ will follow.

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

A. ☒ Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR. §1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(c)) 85 - 20 =	65	X \$18.00	\$ 1170.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR § 1.16b)) 4 - 3 =	1	X \$86.00	\$ 86.00
Multiple dependent claims (37 CFR § 1.16) (d))		+ \$290.00	\$ 290.00

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
☐ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
☐ Fee for extra claims not being paid at this time.

FILING FEE CALCULATION: \$ 2316.00

B. ☐ Design application

(\$340.00 - 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f))

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11. Assertion of Small Entity Status

- ☒ Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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12. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

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☐ No filing fee is to be paid at this time.
☒ Enclosed

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\$ 1158.00
\$ ~~1158.00~~ RRG 10/16/03

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ 1158.00

13. Method of Payment of Fees

- ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1158.⁰⁰
☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. _____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.
☐ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

14. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

- ☒ The Office is hereby authorized, (in the manner shown above), to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No.: 07-1613.

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a)).
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b)).


15. Instructions as to Overpayment

- ☒ Credit Account No.: 07-1613.

Date: October 16, 2003

Phone: 253-859-9128
Fax: 253-859-8915

Customer No. 20793


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☐ **Incorporation by reference of added pages**

- ☐ Plus Added Pages for New Application Transmittal Where Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Claimed

Number of pages added: _____

- ☐ Plus Added Pages for Papers Referred to in Item 4 above.

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- ☐ Plus added pages deleting names of inventor(s) named in prior application(s) who is/are no longer inventor(s) of the subject matter claimed in this application.

Number of pages added: _____

- ☐ Plus "Assignment Cover Letter Accompanying New Application"

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☒ **Statement Where No Further Pages Added**

- ☒ This transmittal ends with this page.